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Expansion of ESIC Purview
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government proposes to bring unorganized workers under the purview of ESIC;
(b)if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;
(c)the measures proposed to be taken to accommodate the new entrants in the system by expanding the hospital facilities in the country;
(d)the number of beneficiaries of ESIC in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
(e)whether the Government also proposes to make medical provisions available for workers in the unorganized sector and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a), (b) & (e): The Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Corporation, under its 2nd Generation Reforms- ESIC-2.0, has decided to open health scheme for selected group of unorganized workers like rickshaw-puller/auto-rickshaw drivers in selected urban/metropolitan areas through "Other beneficiaries and member of their families medical Scheme, 2010" framed under Section 73-B of the ESI Act, 1948. For this purpose, orders for registration process in Delhi have already been issued.

(c): For new entrants of unorganized sector, the medical services will be provided through existing facilities.

(d): The number of beneficiaries of ESIC in the country during last three years is as per Annexure.

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